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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in conjunction with the Amendment.

In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated June 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: